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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 15 – Council of Fresno County Governments
(COFCG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 15 to the COFCG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 2, 2005. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2005-44 on October 27, 2005, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify programming of \$61.6 million in federal and local measure funds for a project in the City of Fresno to construct a four-lane freeway on new alignment, to modify state cash funding for project planning, programming and monitoring, and to modify or add various Regional Choice projects in California's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review of this amendment and the COFCG 2005 October Air Quality Conformity Determination, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.



This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 15 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Paul Page of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2734.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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